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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

The application of: Mohammed N. Islam, et al.

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Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR OPTICAL ADD/DROP
MULTIPLEXING

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

LETTER TO OFFICIAL DRAFTSPERSON

Pursuant to the Examiner's suggestion in an Office Action mailed February 13, 2001, Applicant hereby submits substituted drawings in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84 to FIGURES 1-17 (nineteen sheets) to replace the drawings of FIGURES 1-17 that were originally submitted with the application. Applicant hereby respectfully submits that the substituted drawings add no new matter.

If there are matters which can be discussed by telephone to further the prosecution of this application, Applicants respectfully request that the Draftsperson call Douglas M. Kubehl, Attorney for Applicants, at (214) 953-6486.

Respectfully submitted,

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